

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph Cross-References To Related Applications with the following amended paragraph:

---This application is related to and claims benefit from Application No. 09/760, 385, filed January 11, 2001, which application is related and claims benefit from Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-003348, filed January 12, 2000.---

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-21. Canceled.

22. (New) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

first and second substrates with a liquid crystal layer provided therebetween;
a plurality of lower electrodes and a plurality of upper electrodes formed on the first substrate;

an insulating layer formed between the lower electrodes and the upper electrodes to electrically isolate the lower electrodes from the upper electrodes;

wherein the lower electrodes include first and second lower electrodes assigned to each pixel and spaced apart from each other to define a first space,

wherein the upper electrodes include first, second and third upper electrodes assigned to each pixel and spaced apart from each other,

wherein a portion of the first lower electrode overlaps a portion of the first upper electrode,

wherein a portion of the second lower electrode overlaps a portion of the third upper electrode, and

wherein the second upper electrode is directly overlying the first space defined between the first lower electrode and second lower electrode.